a crisis that could have led to a law and order situation was averted and a compromise between the workers and the management was arrived at. The Embassy had taken up the case with Kuwaiti authorities at the highest level. This was followed up by personal visits by officers of the Mission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Due to the efforts of the officials of the Mission, the foreign employer agreed to make an ad-hoc payment of KD 94,000 towards wages and to pay for the passage back to India for all workers.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Telecast of State Government functions by Madras Doordarshan Kendra

1372. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T.R. BALU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any oral or written instructions have been issued by officials of Delhi Doordarshan to officials of Doordarshan Madras not to telecast State Government functions as far as possible and if coverage is unavoidable to show only Chief Minister and that too in long shots;

(b) whether any memorandum/complaint has been received from State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have received a letter from Shri M. Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu alleging biased attitude of the News Wing of Doordarshan Kendra, Madras. The allegation has not been foundcorrect.

Agreement between NDMC and Ministry of External Affairs on Akbar Bhawan

1373. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement was signed by New Delhi Municipal Committee and Ministry of External Affairs with regard to Akbar Bhawan; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI, MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No; Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals in the Country

1374. SHRI T.R. BALU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2565 given in the Rajya Sahba on the 17th March, 1989 and to state ;

(a) the total number of industrial disputes pending in each State during the last three years : yearwise;

(b) the total number of Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in each State during the lst three years, year-wise figures;

(c) what is the number among these disputes which are more than three years, five years, ten years old; and

(d) what steps are being taken to dispose of long pending disputes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) to (d) The Central Government has set up eleven Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts, one each at Asansol, Calcutta, Jabalpur, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Kanpur, Bangalore and two each at Bombay and Dhanbad. During the last three years, no new Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court has been set up. The last Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court at Bangalore was set up in December, 1985. The total number of industrial disputes pending in the Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts during 1986 1987 and 1988 were 1648, 2333 and 2931 respectively. The break up of disputes pending with the Central Government Industrial Tribunals and the information regarding Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals set up by the State Governments, cases pending before them and steps taken for disposal of pending cases are being ascertained and will be placed on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Survey of gold in Kerala

1375. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th April, 1989 under the capitalion 'Rich deposits of gold likely in South':

(b) whether the Minerals Exploration Corporation Ltd., have confirmed the existence of huge qunntities of gold in the West Coast of South India, particularly in Malappuram areas of Kerala;

(c) if so, by when Government proposed to commercially exploit the gold deposits found in Malappuram area in Kerala; and

(d) whether the said Corporaton had carried out similar exploration in other States, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has taken up preliminary investigation for determining the gold content, if any in the laterite of Malappuram area of Kerala recently keeping in view the International trend of locating workable gold deposits in laterite. The company has competed about 300 metres of drilling in 23 boreholes in the area some of which have indicated gold values ranging from 0·10 to 1·0gm/tonne. No definite payable zones have so far been identified.

(c) The exploitation of the deposits would be considered only if commercial viability of the same is established.

(d) The company is also collecting samples from surface and pits from Laterite and Boulder-bed horizons in Singhabhum district of Bihar for similar studies. The Company has carried out/is carrying out detailed exploration for vein type gold occurances in 22 blocks located in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra.

Trifurcation of the Delhi Development Authority

1376. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question